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SUBJECT: SINGAPORE/UK AGREEMENT: FIFTH FREEDOM RIGHTS IN HONG KONG

1. MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS STAFFER CALLED EMBOFF
SEPTEMBER 6 TO PASS ALONG INFORMATION THAT SINGAPORE
AND THE UK HAVE COMPLETED NEGOTIATIONS ALLOWING SIA
FIFTH FREEDOM RIGHTS IN SINGAPORE ON ITS SINGAPORE TO US WEST COAST
COMBINATION SERVICE. PUBLIC ANNOUNCEMENT WILL BE MADE
SEPTEMBER 7.

2. ACCORDING TO GOS OFFICIAL, FIFTH FREEDOM RIGHTS FOR
SIA WERE OBTAINED IN EXCHANGE FOR ADDITIONAL CATHAY
PACIFIC RIGHTS TO AND BEYOND SINGAPORE. ALTHOUGH HE
GAVE NO DETAILS, OFFICIAL SAID NEW CPA RIGHTS WOULD
INCLUDE STOPS IN VIETNAM AND EAST MALAYSIA.

3. COMMENT: CPA RIGHTS THROUGH MALAYSIA MAY BE
SOMEWHAT CONTROVERSIAL IN LIGHT OF THE CURRENT
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PROBLEMS FACING SINGAPORE AND MALAYSIA IN ONGOING
NEGOTIATIONS TO REVISE THEIR BILATERAL AIR TRANSPORT
AGREEMENT. SINGAPORE HAS THREATENED TO UNILATERALLY
REDUCE MALAYSIA AIRLINES SYSTEM'S RIGHTS TO SINGAPORE
IF MALAYSIA DOES NOT AGREE TO A MORE "EQUITABLE"
BALANCE OF SIA AND MAS SERVICE. MALAYSIA HAS
THREATENED TO RETALIATE FOR ANY SUCH GOS CUTBACK AND

CLAIMS THAT THE PRESENT BALANCE OF AIR SERVICE IS
EQUITABLE BECAUSE OF THE INTERNATIONAL ROUTES THAT
MAS CEDED TO SIA WHEN THE OLD MALAYSIA-SINGAPORE
AIRLINES WAS BROKEN UP INTO SEPARATE SINGAPORE AND
MALAYSIA NATIONAL CARRIERS.
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